**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
**DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Application for Mediators**

*Please complete the entire application, using additional paper if necessary. You may also attach a resume.*

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**ADMISSIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Date admitted to the Bar of the District of South Carolina: 11/2/82 I.D. No.: 298

Date admitted to the South Carolina Bar: 4/28/82 Bar No.: 1387

Other courts or jurisdictions to which admitted (with dates of admission and bar nos.): State Bar of Georgia 11/3/81 185986; USDC, Southern District of Georgia 11/24/81; USC Appeals 4th Cir. 1/29/87; USC Appeals 11th Cir. 8/4/83; USC Appeals Federal Cir. 8/24/92; US Court International Trade

Membership and positions held in bar, ADR and professional associations: SC Council for Conflict Resolution; Maritime Law Association of U.S. - Proctor Member; Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute - Port Director; Assn. Trial Lawyers of America; SC Trial Lawyers Assn.; Charleston County Bar Assn.

Are you a member in good standing in each jurisdiction where admitted to practice law? ✓ yes ___ no

Are you currently the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding in any jurisdiction? ___ yes ✓ no

Have you, within the last 5 years, been denied admission to a bar for character or ethical reasons or disciplined for professional misconduct? ___ yes ✓ no

**EDUCATION**

Year law degree received 1981 Law School U.S.C.

Other professional degrees received (including year and school) NONE

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE** (A minimum of 5 years of law practice required)

Summarize legal experience (including teaching) since admission to the bar, particularly in the past five years:

1981 – DEC. 1983 LITIGATION CHAMLEE DUBUS SAVANNAH, GA

1984 – AUG. 1987 LITIGATION JOHN HUGHES COOPER, ATTY CHARLESTON

1987 – 1994 (JULY) LITIGATION COOPER & RALEY CHARLESTON

1994 – 2000 LITIGATION JOHN HUGHES COOPER, P.C. SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

Percentage of practice in last 5 years representing plaintiff 50 % or defense 50 %

Percentage of Federal or State court practice in last 5 years: Federal 60 % State 40 %

Number of years engaged in active litigation: 18

## EXPERTISE

Indicate all substantive areas in which you have expertise. Place a "1" by your strongest area(s) and a "2" by all other areas in which you have expertise. (Do not rank beyond "1" and "2.") After any category you have marked, please identify any sub-areas of expertise you have (e.g. "medical malpractice" after Personal Injury).

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| 1 | Admiralty | 2 | Security or Shareholders suits |
| 2 | Antitrust | | Labor |
| 2 | Contracts | | ERISA |
| | Environment | | Wrongful Termination |
| 2 | Fraud or Civil RICO | | Civil Rights in Employment |
| 2 | Insurance | | Other Civil Rights |
| | Miller Act | 2 | Copyrights |
| 1 | Personal Injury | | Patent |
| 2 | Product Liability | | Trademark |
| | Other (specify) | | |

Publications: South Carolina Jurisprudence coverage of Shipping Law; South Carolina Bar Practice Manual chapter on Admiralty Litigation (to be published in early 2000)

## MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Mediation experience (particularly in the subject matter categories above): Admiralty litigation, personal injury litigation, contract disputes, collection actions, Family Court property division, Family Court child custody, Family Court Alimony, homeowner/contractor disputes, etc.

Other courts or organizations for whom you serve as a mediator: Charleston Family Court; Berkeley Family Court; Court of Common Pleas; US District Court; Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Number of mediations conducted: approx 25

## MEDIATION TRAINING

| Course Provider | Course Content | Date | Place | No. of Hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SC Council Mediation + ADR | Circuit Court Civil Med. Tr. | 8/19-23/93 | Charleston | 40 |
| " | Family Court Med. Training | | Sullivan's Island | 6 |
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## OTHER INFORMATION

Are you familiar with the statutes, rules and practice governing mediation conferences in the District of South Carolina? ✓ yes ____ no

Other relevant experience or skills or other information you would like considered in connection with this application: I have made many mistakes, been wrong often, and lost numerous cases. I have also been right on occasion and have won a few cases.

Cities in which you are available to conduct mediation:

✓ Columbia ✓ Charleston ✓ Greenville ✓ Florence

Other any in South Carolina

Fees charged:

Hourly Rate: $ 150 Minimum charge each mediation: $ - NA -

How do you bill for travel? (explain): $60/hour after first hour; first hour no charge

I agree to: (1) Be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 407, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; to the Rules on Disciplinary Procedure, Rule 413, South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; and the Local Rules of the District Court; (2) Provide mediation to indigents without pay if ordered by the Court; (3) Notify the Clerk of Court of any change in the above facts or otherwise in my ability to perform duties as a mediator; (4) Disclosure of information contained in this application to litigants and other members of the public.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date 1-14-00
Applicant

Return completed application to:
U.S. District Court
Mediation
1845 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201-2431

Approved: _____ Date 2/17/00
U.S. District Judge

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